

Introduced by Senator Hollingsworth

January 4, 2006

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 65—Relative to Fragile X Awareness Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 65, as introduced, Hollingsworth. Fragile X Awareness Day.

This measure would declare April 18 of each year to be California Fragile X Awareness Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Fragile X is the most common inherited cause of
2 mental retardation, affecting people of every race, income level,
3 and nationality; and
4 WHEREAS, One in every 260 women is a carrier of the
5 Fragile X defect; and
6 WHEREAS, One in every 4,000 children is born with the
7 Fragile X defect, and typically requires a lifetime of special care
8 at a cost of over \$2,000,000; and
9 WHEREAS, Fragile X remains frequently undetected due to
10 its recent discovery and the lack of awareness about the disease,
11 even within the medical community; and
12 WHEREAS, The genetic defect causing Fragile X has been
13 discovered, and is easily identified by testing; and
14 WHEREAS, Inquiry into Fragile X is a powerful research
15 model for neuropsychiatric disorders, such as autism,
16 schizophrenia, pervasive developmental disorders, and other
17 forms of X-linked mental retardation; and

1 WHEREAS, Individuals with Fragile X can provide a
2 homogeneous research population for advancing the
3 understanding of neuropsychiatric disorders; and

4 WHEREAS, With concerted research efforts, a cure for
5 Fragile X may be developed; and

6 WHEREAS, Fragile X research, both basic and applied, has
7 been vastly underfunded despite the prevalence of the disorder,
8 the potential for the development of a cure, the established
9 benefits of available treatments and intervention, and the
10 significance that Fragile X research has for related disorders; and

11 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of California as an
12 institution and Members of the Legislature as individuals are in
13 unique positions to help raise public awareness about the need
14 for increased funding for research and early diagnosis and
15 treatment for the disorder known as Fragile X; now, therefore, be
16 it

17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares April 18 of
19 each year to be California Fragile X Awareness Day; and be it
20 further

21 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
22 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.